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SUMMARY: WE BELIEVE DUTCH GOVERNMENT IS PREPARED TO
PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA AS
BRIDGE BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND AS
REALISTIC SPONSOR OF LATTER'S GOALS. WHILE OPPOSING
BLANK CHECKS, HOLLAND BELIEVES IT ESSENTIAL TO RECOGNIZE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' ASPIRATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CARRYING OUT DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING
PREPARATIONS FOR SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF UN GENERAL
ASSEMBLY AND BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS ON CERDS AND NIEO,
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WE HAVE HAD A SERIES OF CONTINUING CONTACTS AT A

RANGE OF LEVELS, INCLUDING MOST RECENTLY CONVERSATION BETWEEN AMBASSADOR AND FOREIGN MINISTER VAN DER STOEL ON JUNE 25. (SEE MEMCON POUCHED TO ALL ADDRESSEES.)

2. VAN DER STOEL'S POSITION AS OUTLINED TO THE AMBASSADOR CONFIRMS AND REINFORCES THE POSITIONS TAKEN BY OTHER GON OFFICIALS (SEE REFTELS). HE SAID THAT WHILE THERE ARE SOME DEMANDS WHICH GON WILL OPPOSE PER SE, DUTCH FEEL THERE HAS BEEN GENERAL FAILURE BY WEST TO UNDERSTAND FUNDAMENTAL PLIGHT OF LDCS AND THAT WEST MUST THEREFORE BE FAR MORE FORTHCOMING. INDEED, DUTCH CABINET CONSIDERS IT ITS DUTY TO GO BEYOND WHAT IS DEMANDED OF THEM BY DEVELOPING WORLD.

3. DUTCH OFFICIAL ATTITUDE WAS REFLECTED IN THE SYMPOSIUM ON A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, HELD IN THE HAGUE MAY 22-24 UNDER MINISTER FOR DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PRONK (HAGUE 2628). PRIME MINISTER DEN UYL OPENED IT WITH A SPEECH CRITICIZING THE STATEMENT BY SECRETARY KISSINGER IN KANSAS CITY THAT THE PRESENT ECONOMIC ORDER HAD SERVED THE WORLD WELL. DEN UYL CITED THE UNEVEN DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME WITHIN AND BETWEEN STATES, AS WELL AS HIS FEAR THAT THE PRESENT SYSTEM IS BRINGING ABOUT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND A SCARCITY OF RESOURCES. HE SAID THAT THE CHOICE IS BETWEEN STICKING TO THE PRESENT SYSTEM, WHICH IS LARGELY GUIDED AND MANIPULATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RICH COUNTRIES, AND OPTING FOR A SYSTEM DIRECTED TOWARDS FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS OF AN EQUITABLE DIVISION OF INCOME AND PROPERTY, OF SCARCITY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND OF DESPOLIATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT.

4. STILL MORE RECENTLY, AT MEETING IN ROTTERDAM SPONSORED BY MINISTER PRONK, GROUP OF EXPERTS HEADED BY DUTCH ECONOMIST AND NOBEL PRIZE WINNER, PROFESSOR JAN TINBERGEN, ADOPTED RADICAL REPORT TO BE PUT TO 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA (HAGUE 3013). GROUP WARNED THAT ECONOMIC GROWTH IN WORLD'S RICHEST COUNTRIES WILL HAVE TO BE CUT DRASTICALLY TO NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN THE RICH AND POOR.

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5. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, VAN GORKOM, TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT DURING RECENT TRIP TO UN HE HAD NOTED BETTER UNDERSTANDING LDCS THAT US IS TRYING TO DO SOMETHING CONSTRUCTIVE FOR THEIR BENEFIT. HE ALSO CONFIRMED THAT DUTCH ARE ON SAME WAVELENGTH AS US INsofar AS OUR VIEWS ON NATIONALIZATION WITHOUT

ADEQUATE COMPENSATION ARE CONCERNED.

6. COMMENT: CLEARLY AT EVERY LEVEL GON REGARDS
CERDS AND NIEO AS WELL AS WHOLE ISSUE OF MEETING
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MORE THAN HALFWAY AS MAJOR INTER-
NATIONAL CONCERN AND AS AN AREA IN WICH GON WANTS
AND IS PREPARED TO PLAY MAJOR ROLE BOTH AS A BRIDGE
BETWEEN DC'S AND LDC'S AND AS REALISTIC SPONSOR OF
LDC GOALS. IN ESSENCE, WHILE OPPOSED TO ISSUING
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